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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	<b>DELAWARE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS</b>
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	<b>Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.</b>
PLACE:	<b>Division of Professional Regulation, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard Cannon Building, Second Floor Conference Room A, Dover, Delaware</b>
MINUTES APPROVED:	March 22, 2017

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Todd Grande, Ph.D., LCDP, **President**  
Dr. Julius Mullen, Ed, D., LPCMH, **Vice-President**  
Dr. Gregg Drevno, Ph.D., LPCMH  
James Elder, LCDP  
Daniel Cooper, LPCMH  
Irvin Bowers, Public Member, **Secretary**  
Ruth Banta, Public Member

**DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General  
Nicole Williams, Administrative Specialist III

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dr. Rosemary Madl-Young, Ph.D., LCDP  
Elisabeth Vassas, Public Member

**ALSO PRESENT**

Ronald Poliquin, Esquire  
Zoe Plerhoples, Deputy Attorney General  
Natalee Coviello

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Grande called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the January 25, 2017 meeting minutes for approval. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by, Mr. Elder, to approve the January minutes as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Hearing for Frank Gillespie, Case #33-03-14 and 33-03-11 - 12:00 p.m.**

Ms. Singh stated that a consent agreement was established between the State and Mr. Gillespie that the Board will need to review therefore the hearing has been placed on hold at this time. Ms. Singh advised the Board of their options regarding the consent agreement. The Board has the option to accept the consent or reject it. The consent agreement stated that Mr. Gillespie has consented to revocation of his license. Dr. Elder recused himself from discussion on this consent agreement. After review of the proposed executed consent agreement for Mr. Gillespie Mr. Cooper moved to accept the consent agreement as written, seconded by Mr. Elder. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. No hearing was held for Mr. Gillespie due to acceptance of his consent agreement.

### **Proposal to Deny Hearing for Ronald K. Williams-Garcia - 1:30 p.m.**

Since the Board moved the time back for Mr. Williams's hearing, the Board discussed the remaining agenda topics to allow for Mr. Williams to arrive for his hearing and then begin the hearing at the time in which it was noticed. The Board moved on to the agenda topic Legislative Committee Meeting Update.

Dr. Grande called the hearing to order at 1:35 p.m. for Mr. Ronald K. Williams-Garcia. Ms. Singh asked the Board to introduce themselves for the record. Ms. Singh advised that Mr. Williams-Garcia has the right to be represented by an attorney and has chosen to proceed without representation of an attorney. Ms. Singh advised the purpose of today's hearing as the Board has reviewed the application for Mr. Ronald Williams-Garcia and all supporting documentation and proposed to deny the application as the Board found that Mr. Williams-Garcia did not meet all of the statutory qualifications for licensure, specifically 24 Del. C. Section 3052(a)(4), which states that an applicant shall not have been the recipient of any administrative penalties regarding the applicant's actions as a marriage and family therapist. The Board found that Mr. Williams-Garcia was previously subject to an administrative penalty in Delaware when he entered into a consent agreement on December 14, 2013 in regards to holding himself out to the public as a licensed MFT when his license was expired and holding himself out as a Doctor when he did not have a Doctorate degree in the field of Marriage and Family Therapy. Mr. Williams-Garcia was noticed of today's hearing by letter dated December 30, 2016 in accordance with 29 Del. C. Section 10122 of the Delaware Administrative Procedures Act.

Ms. Singh marked for the record as Board Exhibit 1 as a complete copy of the application submitted by Mr. Williams-Garcia including all supporting documentation, all correspondence noticing Mr. Williams-Garcia of the proposal to deny of his application and the hearing notice, and the Delaware 2013 consent agreement. Mr. Williams-Garcia was sworn in to provide his testimony to show that he has met the qualifications for licensure as a LMFT. Ms. Singh marked for the record Mr. Williams-Garcia's academic record from Amridge University in LMFT as Applicant Exhibit 1, ABA Recitation document as Applicant Exhibit 2, Mr. Williams-Garcia's transcript from Temple University with a degree in Jurisprudence as Applicant Exhibit 3, and an article entitled "Lawyers are Doctors, Too" as Applicant Exhibit 4.

The Board had no questions for Mr. Williams-Garcia. The Board entered into deliberations at 1:52 p.m.

The Board exited out of deliberations at 2:10 p.m. to readdress Mr. Williams-Garcia. Mr. Bowers inquired if Mr. Williams-Garcia would be willing to practice under supervision as a LMFT. Mr. Williams-Garcia stated he would agree to supervision. Ms. Singh clarified that if granted Mr. Williams-Garcia's license would be under probation to allow for supervision. Mr. Elder inquired if Mr. Williams-Garcia would be willing to not use the title of "Doctor" in practice as a LMFT. Mr. Williams-Garcia advised that he does not want to be penalized for using the title Doctor when practicing outside of the practice of LMFT but as a LMFT he would not use the title Doctor. The Board confirmed with Mr. Williams-Garcia that he does not have a confirmed PhD degree. The Board had no further questions. The Board entered back into deliberations at 2:17 p.m. The Board exited out of deliberations at 2:19 p.m. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to deny

Ronald Williams-Garcia's application based on the previous administrative disciplinary action along with the determination that Mr. Williams-Garcia does not have a conferred PhD in MFT therefore cannot hold himself out to the public as a Doctor while practicing MFT. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. The hearing concluded at 2:21 p.m.

#### Legislative Committee Meeting Update

Ms. Singh stated that the Committee discussed the proposed changes to the regulations regarding supervision. The Board reviewed the proposed draft changes. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Grande, to approve the proposed rule changes. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### Review of Tabled Request from Michael Jackson, LACMH

The Board reviewed Mr. Jackson's letter submitted from Meadow verifying his employment there. The Board further discussed. Dr. Grande stated that the letter does not speak about the quality of the role or if the plan was even carried out with that supervisor of the written plan at the facility. The Board suggested that Ms. Williams send a letter from the Division to the supervisor at the time at Meadowood. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Mr. Elder, for the Division to send a letter to this supervisor and table Mr. Jackson's request. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### Review of Tabled Application for Wanda Mills (Blanco), LPCMH

The Board reviewed the tabled application for Ms. Mills. Her application was tabled previously for not meeting the 100 1:1 hours as she only had a total of 58.5 of 1:1 hours. The Board reviewed the supervision form from Mr. Matos showing the additional 1:1 hours needed on the direct clinical supervision form. Ms. Singh suggested tabling the application to allow the applicant to gain the additional 1:1 hours under an acceptable supervisor. Mr. Bowers moved, seconded by Dr. Grande, to table the application to allow Ms. Mills to gain the additional 1:1 hours under an acceptable supervisor pursuant to 24 Del. C. § 3032 (a)(2). By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### Review of Tabled Application for Jessica McNemar, LACMH

The Board reviewed the tabled application for Ms. McNemar as her supervisor needed to show proof of CADC certification and the form was incomplete. Ms. McNemar submitted an updated form to show completion but the supervisor did not submit proof of CADC certification. After further review and discussion the Board decided to accept her application as submitted with the updated supervision form. Dr. Grande moved, seconded by Mr. Elder, to approve the application. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Review of Application(s) for LACMH Licensure

Rebecca Dries – The Board reviewed and discussed the application for Ms. Dries. Dr. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to approve the application for licensure as a LACMH. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Stacey Edney – The Board reviewed and discussed the application for Ms. Edney. Dr. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to approve the application for licensure as a LACMH. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Shelby Colatrella – The Board reviewed and discussed the application for Ms. Colatrella. Dr. Grande recused himself from the review and discussion. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Mr. Bowers, to approve the application for licensure as a LACMH. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Jennifer Brown – The Board reviewed and discussed the application for Ms. Brown. Dr. Mullen moved, seconded by Dr. Cooper, to approve the application for licensure as a LACMH. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### Review of Application(s) for LPCMH

Angela Robinson, NBCC – The Board reviewed and discussed the application for Ms. Robinson. Dr. Mullen moved to approve the application. The Board discussed that Ms. Robinson has a supervisor that is a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, which is not an approved supervisors in the regulations. Dr. Mullen withdrew his motion to approve. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Ms. Banta, to propose to deny the application for licensure as a LPCMH as one of her supervisors is not an approved supervisor pursuant to 24 Del. C. § 3032 (a)(2). By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Jennifer Peters, NBCC – The Board reviewed and discussed the application for Ms. Peters. Mr. Elder moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to approve the application for licensure as a LPCMH. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

David Skowronski, NBCC & Reciprocity – The Board reviewed and discussed the application for Mr. Skowronski. Dr. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to approve the application for licensure as a LPCMH. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### Review of Applications for LCDP

Cara Tilbury, CAADC & CCDP-D – The Board reviewed and discussed the application for Ms. Tilbury. Mr. Elder moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to approve the application for licensure as LCDP. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### Review of Application(s) for LAMFT

Patricia Moise - The Board reviewed and discussed the application for Ms. Moise. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Grande, to approve the application for licensure as a LAMFT. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### Status of Complaints

There were no complaint statuses to report.

#### Correspondence

There was no correspondence for review or discussion.

#### Other Business before the Board (for discussion only)

Mr. Cooper advised the NBCC is having the annual meeting this summer and will be sponsoring a DE delegate to attend. Mr. Cooper has volunteered to attend on behalf of the State. Ms. Williams will add this to the agenda next month for approval.

#### Public Comment

Natalie Coviello addressed the Board about if her education can be reviewed by the Board to ensure that she is license eligible. Ms. Singh advised that the Board can review her transcript at the next available meeting. Ms. Williams will have her send her the transcript for the Board to review at the next available meeting once received.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The Board's next meeting is April 26, 2017, at 12:00 p.m., in Conference Room A, of the Cannon Bldg., 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware.

### **Adjournment**

Dr. Drevno made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mullen, to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole M. Williams" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nicole M. Williams  
Administrative Specialist III  
Board of Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Professionals

*The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.*